

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 1902.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

PRESS ASSOCIATION AT GEORGETOWN.

The meeting of the Press Association at Georgetown last week was pronounced by all to have been one of the pleasantest occasions of the kind for many years. The attendance was larger than for several years past, the weather was delightful, and the people of Georgetown did everything possible to add to the enjoyment of the editors and their friends who accompanied them.

A committee of citizens met the Press Association at Lanes, and made assignments for homes before the party reached Georgetown, the people of Georgetown having made arrangements to take the editors and ladies to their homes. On alighting from the cars, we found the Atlantic hotel and other buildings decorated with bunting and electric lights and banners of "Welcome" stretched across the street. These decorations and banners were found displayed in other parts of the city also, and the "Welcome" feature was met on all occasions and needed no banner to indicate where to expect it.

The Palmetto Club had a banner stretched with the inscription, "Your Home," and its members were lavish in their kindness and attentions.

A boat excursion on the bay and down to the jetties on Thursday, a carriage drive on Friday around the city and through the extensive plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company (the largest of its kind in the world), and a superb banquet on Friday night were some of the leading features with which the editorial party was entertained.

The banquet was, we were informed, a duplication, but on a more extensive scale, of the one given to President Cleveland by the Georgetown people. It was generally pronounced by the members of the Association to have eclipsed all former banquets of their experience.

The sessions of the Association were held in the Court House and were quite harmonious. President E. H. Aull, who has held that position for about eleven years, was re-elected, as was also the efficient Secretary, C. C. Langston, and Treasurer A. Kohn.

The Harris White Stone Lithia Springs was voted as the place of the next meeting, the Executive Committee having power to make a change if deemed necessary.

Georgetown is one of the oldest settled places in the State, and was laid out with straight and wide streets and sidewalks, along which have been planted oaks that now arch the streets and afford abundant shade.

There are many evidences of the growth and prosperity of the city, of which we shall take occasion to speak hereafter.

If Senator McLaurin resigns, whom will Governor McSweeney appoint? It is safe to predict that the appointee will not be one of the avowed senatorial candidates.

The Memphis business men entered suit against five railroads for conspiring to maintain excessive freight rates on cotton. It is to be hoped that the suit will succeed and that means may be found to punish the railroads for unjust discrimination against any particular city. If Memphis wins the fight other and smaller places that suffer under even greater exactions than Memphis will be encouraged and appeal to the courts for justice.

Political circles are agitated over the prospective resignation of Senator McLaurin, to accept an appointment said to have been tendered him by President Roosevelt. This is not the first time that McLaurin rumors have agitated the politicians; but there is more apt to be some grounds for the rumor than there have been heretofore, inasmuch as McLaurin has lost his influence in this State and his term in the Senate draws near its close. The period of his usefulness to the administration is ended and the time for his reward is at hand. If faithful service of new friends and betrayal of old friends who honored and trusted him merit reward, Senator McLaurin should be billeted in a lifetime job at a big salary.

W. L. Harris, who has been nominated for postmaster of Charleston by President Roosevelt, will probably never occupy the office. He is not a citizen of South Carolina, and his nomination is nothing more nor less than a revival of carpetbagism. Senator Tillman has already declared to prevent his confirmation by the Senate, and as he has the facts on his side his fight can hardly fail to succeed. President Roosevelt has made a great mistake in naming Harris, and Charleston is indignant over the matter.

METHODIST FEMALE COLLEGE.

The State, of Columbia, speaking of the efforts now being made by the Sumter delegation to secure the removal of the Columbia Female College to this city, says: "Every denomination was represented by the committee, showing that all the business men of Sumter as well as the college. Those who extended the invitation from Sumter were Rev. J. W. Kilgo, presiding elder; Mayor A. B. Stuckey, who is a 'thoroughbred' and always looking out for something to build up Sumter; Mr. J. M. Knight, editor of the *Sumter Herald* and an enterprising young business man; Hon. Richard I. Manning, senator from Sumter County; Mr. Neill O'Donnell, a wealthy and public spirited merchant; Mr. W. M. Graham, a well known horse man; Mr. O. G. Rowland and Mr. E. W. Moise. These gentlemen represent the religious and business interests of Sumter."

Lee County Enjoined.

The State Supreme Court has granted a temporary injunction against Lee County. The writ is made returnable in twenty days. No further proceedings can therefore be taken by the officials in the formation of the new county until the court shall have passed upon the question of its creation.

Mr. R. W. Shand appears on behalf of those who seek to enjoin the new county, whilst Judge Hudson represents the advocates of the new territory.

Judge Purdy.

In the absence of Judge Klugh, who was called home in consequence of the illness of his son, Judge Purdy is holding court at Florence this week. Among the important cases to be tried at this term of court is the Smith-Dennis arson case, the defendants being accused of having caused the recent disastrous fire at Timmonsville. The trial has been set for Friday.

Class Day Exercises.

This is commencement season at the South Carolina College, Columbia, and The Daily Item acknowledges, with thanks, an invitation to the class day exercises of the senior class, which will be held on Monday morning, June 9, in the college chapel. Sumter is represented in the class roll by Messrs. Charles Ryttenberg, who is the historian for the occasion, James William Brearly, James Henry Mills and James Henry Spann.

For the information of the Bishopville Leader we will state that the city of Sumter is not required to return for taxation that part of the City Hall used for municipal purposes. The part rented is returned for taxation at a valuation fixed by a special agent for the Comptroller General, who, after making an effort to force the city to pay taxes on the full value of the City Hall, found out that municipal corporations are not required to pay taxes on any property devoted to public purposes. As to the comparative cost of the Sumter City Hall and the Bishopville Opera House we are not prepared to speak, having no knowledge of the cost of the latter building, and can only inform the Leader that the City Hall cost between \$32,000 and \$33,000.

GROWTH OF COTTON IS CHECKED.

Weekly Bulletin of the Weather and the Crops.

Columbia, June 4.—Below is given the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and crops of the State issued Tuesday by Director Bauer of the South Carolina section of the United States weather bureau:

The average temperature for the week ending Monday, June 2d, was about 72 degrees, which is nearly 5 degrees below normal. There was a maximum of 98 degrees at Seivern and Longshore on the 25th and a minimum of 38 degrees at Clover on the 28th and 29th. Light frost was noted in Greenville, Oconee and Spartanburg counties. There was an abundance of bright sunshine, early in the week, but generally cloudy weather prevailed at its close. During the middle of the week, the relative humidity ranged from only 30 to 40 per cent. of saturation, which had a wilting effect on vegetation.

Severe thunder storms occurred on the 25th over the north central and northeastern counties, accompanied by damaging high winds and destructive hail in the east central and north central groups of counties, with heavy, washing rains in Lancaster county. Light local showers prevailed at the close of the week over the western counties. While a few localities were benefited by the dry weather, by far the greater portion of the State is suffering for rain, and the need is most urgent in the southwestern and northwestern groups of counties, from Aiken northward, where over a large portion no beneficial rains have fallen in from four to five weeks.

The week gave favorable weather for general farm work, and for riding fields of grass and weeds, but it

was unfavorable for the growth and development of most field crops, on account of low night temperatures and dryness.

The growth of cotton was checked, to a considerable extent, by the cool weather, which also favored the development of lice that now infest a large portion of the crop. Stands are good, generally, and the crop has received unusually good cultivation, with fields clean and in fine tilth. Squares have formed in a few localities. There was a slight improvement in the condition of sea island cotton.

Corn was also unfavorably affected by the cool weather, but generally continues to look well. Bottoms are being planted, where not too dry, but cutworms and billbugs are very destructive on such lands. Some fields have been laid by, and early corn has begun to tassel. In the western portion of the State corn is turning yellow.

Tobacco has improved, and now looks promising, but stands are irregular in places. Rice is in very fine condition, with planting still in progress. Wheat does not show any improvement, as it ripens, except that it is a full crop in a few localities. Its average condition is poor and almost a failure in places. Some has been harvested. Oats are ripening rapidly, and harvesting made favorable progress under excellent weather conditions. The dry weather is detrimental to spring sown oats.

Watermelons look well. Cane has good stands. Large quantities of beans and white potatoes and cucumbers are being shipped. Gardens are generally poor, owing to the dry weather. Peaches and other fruits continue to drop extensively, although in places fruits of all kinds promise to be abundant. Peaches and plums are ripening and shipments of the former have begun. A general heavy rain and warmer weather would improve crop conditions materially.

THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA.

Current Events in the Palmetto State Laconically Recorded.

—While being lowered from the top of the Aiken waterworks tower, William Albert, one of the men employed in its erection, fell 83 feet. He was badly jarred and was carried to his hotel on a stretcher. No bones were broken, and at last accounts he was resting comfortably.

—The corner-stone of the new edifice of the Central Presbyterian Church at Anderson was laid Monday, with imposing ceremonies. The corner-stone for the new Trinity (Methodist) Church, Charleston, was also laid Monday. This will be one of the handsomest church structures in the State.

—While on a raid for illicit distillers in the Dark Corner section of Greenville County on Saturday night United States Marshal Alexander S. Phillips fell from an embankment to the depth of twenty feet. Every bone in his right leg was broken and his hips and back were seriously injured. The last report was that he was still alive, but his death is momentarily expected.

—Mrs. Abb. Young, of Equality, Anderson County, was found dead in the cow lot the other morning. It is thought she went there to milk or give milk to the pig.

—Near Lowndesville, on Tuesday, Will Simpson shot and killed Jones Hall. They quarreled about the ownership of a mow. One of Hall's sons shot Simpson, inflicting a painful wound. Simpson surrendered to the authorities. Both white.

—The Colored Normal and Industrial College at Orangeburg has applied for permission to remove their exhibit from the Charleston exposition to the negro exhibition which will be held in Chicago this fall. Permission was readily granted by the governor.

—Mr. J. T. Gantt, of the secretary of State's office, has discovered a rare document in some of the old books around the office. The document is a roll for the state convention in 1798 and contains the vote on whether or not the president of the United States should serve two years or four. It is noticeable that in the vote the low country voted almost solidly for four years and the up country against it. The name of Wade Hampton, General Hampton's grandfather, is on the list.

—There is a "boom" of large dimensions in the State for the appointment of Col. Willie Jones, of Columbia, by the Governor to serve out the unexpired term of Senator McLaurin, when that gentleman resigns, to become a Judge of the Court of Claims.

—The report from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce to authorize the Charleston Suburban and Summerville Railway Company to construct two bridges across Ashley river has been filed with the clerk of the House. The report was prepared by Representative Davis, of Florida. At the first opportunity it is understood that unanimous consent will be asked for its passage.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Queen Alexandra has the most costly pair of opera glasses in the world, made of platinum and set with diamonds, rubies and sapphires. They were made expressly for her in Vienna at an expense of \$25,000.

Another delightful feature of the Philippine Islands of which but little mention has so far been made is the number of lepers that they contain. There are said to be 12,000 in all.

A movement is on foot to center the farmers of Kansas in a co-operative branch of the Vrooman Co-operative Company, to be known as the Wheat and Flour Western Co-operative Company. The object is to eliminate wheat speculators and middlemen, and also to head off the talked-of flour trust.

It is stated that Senator Tillman will offer the bill recently introduced by Representative Latimer for the relief of the Charleston Exposition as an amendment to one of the big appropriation bills. Which one he will add it to has not been definitely decided upon. There appears to be no hope for the passage of the Latimer measure as a separate bill through the House of Representatives. The members of the South Carolina delegation admit that its only chance lies in its being added as a rider to an appropriation bill.

On the receipt of the news of the conclusion of peace in South Africa, the Pope expressed his joy, adding, "I hope to close my eyes on world-wide peace."

Several measures have been introduced recently in the House of Representatives for the erection of monuments to the memory of revolutionary heroes. The erection and unveiling of the Rochambeau statue has appeared to have given the movement to erect monuments to these patriots an impetus. Among the measures now pending are two introduced by members of the South Carolina delegation. The one introduced by Representative Lever for a monument to Gen. Sumter has been referred to heretofore, and this measure provides for the erection of this monument at Sumter. The other measure was introduced by Representative Scarborough, and provides for the erection of a monument to the memory of Gen. Marion, also of South Carolina fame. Both of these measures are still pending before the library committee of the House.

It is the opinion of a writer in the Christian Work that churches are spending too much money in useless show. The church property in the United States is valued at \$900,000,000, much of which, according to this author, "is represented in splendid and costly edifices, idle and empty monuments, cold, stately, and magnificent—but nothing more."

NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

In line with the proposal of the government to make Washington the home of Federal education, Secretary Moody has given instructions for he transfer to Washington of the medical school at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. This school will be located in the building now occupied by the Museum of Naval Hygiene.

Rear Admiral Rixey, surgeon general of the navy, says that the Navy Department proposes to assign to this school immediately after appointment every young medical officer who enters the service. He will there be grounded in the rudiments of his work as a naval officer and will also be given an opportunity to complete his professional education. Older medical officers will eventually be assigned to the school, but this can only be done when an increase of the corps is granted by Congress.

Hagood Happenings.

Hagood, June 2.—Mrs. H. C. Bethea and Miss Courtenay Atkinson are visiting friends in Marion.

—There is no sickness in the community. We are faring well up here, with plenty of milk, butter, eggs, chickens, blackberries, honey, etc. Everything looks promising, even the weather. Crops are fine and farmers are in a good humor.

The mail man, Pinckney Dinkins, colored, a Hampton Democrat, gave me a good sign for rain—one of the best, if not the best, I know of. I give it to your readers. Look out for rain when the cow coughs. It will be stirring within twenty-four hours.

One of the best and most harmless remedies I know of for dysentery is a spoonful of soot, moistened well and swallowed. Repeat dose if necessary. I have never known it to fail.

Closing School Exercises.

Mechanicsville, June 2.—By the kind and courteous consent of Mrs. S. C. Raffield, a large number of friends assembled at her residence on the evening of May 30, by the invitation of the teachers and children of the Brown and Fox Grove schools, to witness their closing exercises, consisting of music, tableaux, recitation, &c. The children did credit to themselves and honor to their teacher.

Where all did so well, if there had been a prize offered for the one who

did best there would have been a prize for all. All who were present would join me in saying that the children of the Brown and Fox Grove schools are not playing "second fiddle" to any. Though all seemed best, The pantomime "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," by Miss Floride Myers, was beautiful.

The music was rendered by the Sibley String Band and it was "just as sweet as could be."

The school exercises began at 8.30 o'clock and closed at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. J. C. Bailey ascended the stage and gave a thirty-minutes lecture, and it goes without saying that it was to the point.

EVENTS AT WEDGEFIELD.

Gone to Charleston—Earthquake Shock—The Crops.

Wedgefield, May 28.—The following party left for Charleston yesterday afternoon: Rev. L. J. Bristow, Messrs. E. E. Aycock and Singleton Barnwell, Mrs. J. H. Aycock, Mrs. F. M. Dwight, Misses Bettie Aycock, Hallie Singleton and Bessie Aycock.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will give an ice cream festival at the residence of Mr. W. H. Ramsey on Friday evening, from 8 till 11 o'clock.

Mr. Jeter Strange left for Alabama, a few days ago, where a position awaits him with a contracting firm.

■ The earthquake shock that was felt in Augusta and elsewhere last Saturday was felt here also at 9.25 p. m.

■ Oat cutting is in progress now. The crop, though, is shorter than in years.

■ Corn and cotton are looking fine. It is feared the cool weather will cause

lice to take the cotton.

■ Mrs. B. F. Thompson, of Union, is on a visit to her father, Mr. W. B. Trumblefield.

■ Mr. Nellie Anderson, of Summerton, paid us a flying visit this week.

■ Mrs. B. P. Kelley returned from Greenville yesterday, where she has been attending the commencement exercises of Chicora College.

Colored Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Mayesville Educational and Industrial Institute were held on last Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The school is conducted by Emma J. Wilson, is in a flourishing condition and is doing a good work.

CANDIDATES' CARDS

The cards of candidates for county and State offices will be inserted in this column continuously until the Primary Election for Five (\$5) Dollars, payable cash in advance.

SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

We present to the voters of Sumter county at the primary election the name of S. Dwight Cain for the office of County Superintendent of Education. Mr. Cain is thoroughly qualified, and has been constantly engaged in teaching in this, his native county, and Richland, the past six years.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

BY ORDER of the State Superintendent of Education, I will hold, on Friday, the 13th of June, in the Court House at Sumter, an examination of applicants to teach in the public schools. All applicants will please be on hand by 9 a. m.

W. P. BASKIN,
Co. Supt. of Education.

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examinations.

The examinations for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 11th, at 9 a. m.

Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age.

When scholarships are vacated after July 11th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination.

The next session will open September 17, 1902.

For further information and a catalogue address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.

May 26—July 11—1 a. w.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, Stephen M. Boykin made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of Stephen M. Boykin, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Stephen M. Boykin, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter C. H., on June 13th, 1902, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 30th day of May, A. D. 1902.

THOS. V. WALSH,
Judge of Probate.

May 30—2t

Just received a fresh lot of Crepe paper 8c. a roll. H. G. Osteen & Co.

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